Policy for Power Generation from Non-Fossil Fuel sources

2182. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the comprehensive renewable energy policy along with the time-bound action plan to achieve energy self-sufficiency by targeting 25 per cent power generation from non-fossil fuel sources;

(b) whether it will need to review the existing policies towards renewable energy in general and wind power, solar power and bio-fuel in particular; and

(c) if so, the status of efforts on this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The draft new and Renewable Energy Policy has been prepared and is available on the website of this Ministry. This apart, the Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy in its Report (2006) has estimated the share of grid-interactive renewable power in the national electricity-mix would rise to 5 per cent and remain at around that level through 2032 (end of the 15th Plan).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, policies are renewed periodically in keeping with national priorities. In addition, the draft National Bio-fuel Policy has been prepared.

Contribution of New Renewable Sources

†2183. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of contribution of renewable energy sources in total energy production in the country;

(b) the efforts being made by Government for manufacturing and supply of non-conventional energy equipments and for promotion of infrastructural facilities;

(c) whether Government are contemplating on allowing cent-per cent foreign direct investment in these areas; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.